

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A luminescent device:
comprising an organic luminescent element comprising:
5 an anode;
 a cathode; and
 a hole transporting layer provided between the anode and the cathode,
comprising a first compound and a second compound;
 wherein the first compound is smaller in ionization potential than the second
10 compound, and
 wherein the second compound is larger in hole mobility than the first compound.
2. A luminescent device according to claim 1, wherein there is a concentration
gradient that a concentration of the first compound is decreased toward the cathode from
15 the anode and a concentration of the second compound is increased toward the cathode
from the anode.
3. A luminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the first compound
comprises a phthalocyanine compound.
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4. A luminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the second compound
comprises an aromatic amine-based compound.
5. A luminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the organic luminescent
25 element has a luminescence from a triplet excited state.
6. A luminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the luminescent device is
an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video
camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a
30 personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.
7. A luminescent device:
comprising an organic luminescent element comprising:
 an anode;

a cathode; and

an electron transporting layer provided between the anode and the cathode, comprising a first compound and a second compound;

wherein the first compound is larger in electron affinity than the second
5 compound, and

wherein the second compound is larger in electron mobility than the first compound.

8. A luminescent device according to claim 7, wherein there is a concentration
10 gradient that a concentration of the first compound is increased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the second compound is decreased toward the cathode from the anode.

9. A luminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the first compound is
15 selected from the group consisting of alkali metal halogenide, a metal complex having a quinoline skeleton, a metal complex having a benzoquinoline skeleton, an oxadiazole derivative, or a triazole derivative.

10. A luminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the second compound is
20 selected from the group consisting of a metal complex having a quinoline skeleton, a metal complex having a benzoquinoline skeleton, an oxadiazole derivative, a triazole derivative, or a phenanthroline derivative.

11. A luminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the organic luminescent
25 element has a luminescence from a triplet excited state.

12. A luminescent device according to claim 7, wherein the luminescent device
is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a
30 personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

13. A luminescent device:

comprising an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode; and

a luminescent layer provided between the anode and the cathode,
comprising a first compound and a second compound;

wherein the first compound is larger in hole mobility than the second compound,

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wherein the second compound is larger in electron mobility than the first
compound.

14. A luminescent device according to claim 13, wherein there is a concentration
10 gradient that a concentration of the first compound is decreased toward the cathode from
the anode and a concentration of the second compound is increased toward the cathode
from the anode.

15. A luminescent device according to claim 13, wherein the first compound
15 comprises an aromatic amine-based compound.

16. A luminescent device according to claim 13, wherein the second compound
is selected from the group consisting of a metal complex having a quinoline skeleton, a
metal complex having a benzoquinoline skeleton, an oxadiazole derivative, a triazole
20 derivative, or a phenanthroline derivative.

17. A luminescent device according to claim 13, wherein the organic
luminescent element has a luminescence from a triplet excited state.

25 18. A luminescent device according to claim 13, wherein the luminescent device
is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video
camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a
personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

30 19. A luminescent device comprising:
an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode; and

a luminescent layer provided between the anode and the cathode,

comprising a first compound, a second compound, and a third compound;

wherein the first compound is larger in hole mobility than the second compound,

wherein the second compound is larger in electron mobility than the first compound, and

5 wherein an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the third compound is smaller than energy differences between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the first compound and the second compound.

10 20. A luminescent device according to claim 19, wherein there is a concentration gradient that a concentration of the first compound is decreased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the second compound is increased toward the cathode from the anode.

15 21. A luminescent device according to claim 19, wherein the first compound comprises an aromatic amine-based compound.

22 A luminescent device according to claim 19, wherein the second compound is selected from the group consisting of a metal complex having a quinoline skeleton, a
20 metal complex having a benzoquinoline skeleton, an oxadiazole derivative, a triazole derivative, or a phenanthroline derivative.

23. A luminescent device according to claim 19, wherein the organic luminescent element has a luminescence from a triplet excited state.

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24. A luminescent device according to claim 19, wherein the luminescent device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

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25. A luminescent device comprising:

an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode;

a luminescent layer provided between the anode and the cathode; and
a blocking layer adjacent to the luminescent layer, being provided
between the anode and the cathode;

wherein the blocking layer comprises a blocking material and a material
5 contained in the luminescent layer, and

wherein an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a
lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the blocking material is larger than an energy
difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied
molecular orbit in a material contained in the luminescent layer.

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26. A luminescent device according to claim 25, wherein there is a concentration
gradient that a concentration of the material contained in the luminescent layer is
decreased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the blocking
material is increased toward the cathode from the anode.

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27. A luminescent device according to claim 25, wherein the blocking material
is selected from the group consisting of an oxadiazole derivative, a triazole derivative, or
a phenanthroline derivative.

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28. A luminescent device according to claim 25 wherein the organic luminescent
element presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

29. A luminescent device according to claim 25, wherein the luminescent device
is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video
25 camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a
personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

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30. A luminescent device comprising:

an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode; and

an organic compound layer provided between the anode and the cathode,
comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an
electron transporting region comprising an electron transporting material;

wherein the hole transporting region being disposed nearer to the anode than the electron transporting region, and

wherein a mixed region comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material is provided between the hole transporting region and the
5 electron transporting region.

31. A luminescent device according to claims 30, wherein there is a concentration gradient in the mixed region that a concentration of the hole transporting material is decreased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the
10 electron transporting material is increased toward the cathode from the anode.

32. A luminescent device according to claim 30, wherein a luminescent material is doped in the mixed region.

15 33. A luminescent device according to claim 30, wherein a luminescent material is doped in a portion in the mixed region.

34. A luminescent device according to claim 30, wherein a blocking material is doped in the mixed region and an energy difference between a highest occupied
20 molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the blocking material is larger than energy differences in the hole transporting material and in the electron transporting material.

35. A luminescent device according to claim 34, wherein the blocking material
25 is doped in a portion of the mixed region.

36. A luminescent device according to claim 34, wherein a luminescent material and the blocking material are doped in the mixed region.

30 37. A luminescent device according to claim 36, wherein a portion added the luminescent material is disposed nearer to the anode than a portion added the blocking material.

38. A luminescent device according to one of claim 32 to 34 or one of claim 36

to 37, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

39. A luminescent device according to claim 36, wherein the ratio of a mass of
5 the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.

40. A luminescent device according to claim 36, wherein the mixed region has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

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41. A luminescent device according to claim 25, wherein the luminescent device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

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42. A luminescent device:

comprising an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode;

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a hole injecting region adjacent to the anode; and

an organic compound layer provided between the hole injecting region and the cathode, comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an electron transporting region comprising an electron transporting material;

25 wherein the hole transporting region being disposed nearer to the anode than the electron transporting region, and

wherein a mixed region comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material is provided between the hole transporting region and the electron transporting region.

30 43. A luminescent device according to claims 42, wherein there is a concentration gradient in the mixed region that a concentration of the hole transporting material is decreased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the electron transporting material is increased toward the cathode from the anode.

44. A luminescent device according to claim 42, wherein a luminescent material is doped in the mixed region.

45. A luminescent device according to claim 42, wherein a luminescent material
5 is doped in a portion in the mixed region.

46. A luminescent device according to claim 42, wherein a blocking material is doped in the mixed region and an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the blocking material is
10 larger than energy differences in the hole transporting material and in the electron transporting material.

47. A luminescent device according to claim 46, wherein the blocking material is doped in a portion of the mixed region.
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48. A luminescent device according to claim 46, wherein a luminescent material and the blocking material are doped in the mixed region.

49. A luminescent device according to claim 48, wherein a portion added the
20 luminescent material is disposed nearer to the anode than a portion added the blocking material.

50. A luminescent device according to one of claim 44 to 45 or one of claim 48 to 49, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited
25 state.

51. A luminescent device according to claim 48, wherein the ratio of a mass of the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.
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52. A luminescent device according to claim 48, wherein the mixed region has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

53. A luminescent device according to claim 42, wherein the luminescent device

is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

- 5 54. A luminescent device comprising:
 an organic luminescent element comprising:
 an anode;
 a cathode;
 an electron injecting region contacted with the cathode; and
10 an organic compound layer provided between the anode and the
 electron injecting region, comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole
 transporting material and an electron transporting region comprising an electron
 transporting material;
 wherein the hole transporting region being disposed nearer to the anode than the
15 electron transporting region, and
 wherein a mixed region comprising the hole transporting material and the
 electron transporting material is provided between the hole transporting region and the
 electron transporting region.
- 20 55. A luminescent device according to claims 54, wherein there is a
 concentration gradient in the mixed region that a concentration of the hole transporting
 material is decreased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the
 electron transporting material is increased toward the cathode from the anode.
- 25 56. A luminescent device according to claim 54, wherein a luminescent material
 is doped in the mixed region.
57. A luminescent device according to claim 54, wherein a luminescent material
 is doped in a portion in the mixed region.
- 30 58. A luminescent device according to claim 54, wherein a blocking material is
 doped in the mixed region and an energy difference between a highest occupied
 molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the blocking material is
 larger than energy differences in the hole transporting material and in the electron

transporting material.

59. A luminescent device according to claim 58, wherein the blocking material is doped in a portion of the mixed region.

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60. A luminescent device according to claim 58, wherein a luminescent material and the blocking material are doped in the mixed region.

61. A luminescent device according to claim 60, wherein a portion added the
10 luminescent material is disposed nearer to the anode than a portion added the blocking material.

62. A luminescent device according to one of claim 56 to 57 or one of claim 60
15 to 61, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

63. A luminescent device according to claim 60, wherein the ratio of a mass of the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.

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64. A luminescent device according to claim 60, wherein the mixed region has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

65. A luminescent device according to claim 54, wherein the luminescent device
25 is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

66. A luminescent device comprising:
30 an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode;

a hole injecting region adjacent to the anode;

an electron injecting region adjacent to the cathode; and

an organic compound layer provided between the hole injecting region and the electron injecting region, comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an electron transporting region comprising an electron transporting material;

5 wherein the hole transporting region is disposed nearer to the anode than the electron transporting region, and

wherein a mixed region comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material is provided between the hole transporting region and the electron transporting region.

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67. A luminescent device according to claims 66, wherein there is a concentration gradient in the mixed region that a concentration of the hole transporting material is decreased toward the cathode from the anode and a concentration of the electron transporting material is increased toward the cathode from the anode.

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68. A luminescent device according to claim 66, wherein a luminescent material is doped in the mixed region.

69. A luminescent device according to claim 66, wherein a luminescent material
20 is doped in a portion in the mixed region.

70. A luminescent device according to claim 66, wherein a blocking material is doped in the mixed region and an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit in the blocking material is
25 larger than energy differences in the hole transporting material and in the electron transporting material.

71. A luminescent device according to claim 70, wherein the blocking material is doped in a portion of the mixed region.

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72. A luminescent device according to claim 70, wherein a luminescent material and the blocking material are doped in the mixed region.

73. A luminescent device according to claim 72, wherein a portion added the

luminescent material is disposed nearer to the anode than a portion added the blocking material.

74. A luminescent device according to one of claim 69 to 70 or one of claim 72
5 to 73, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

75. A luminescent device according to claim 72, wherein the ratio of a mass of
the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the
10 electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.

76. A luminescent device according to claim 72, wherein the mixed region has a
thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

15 77. A luminescent device according to claim 66, wherein the luminescent device
is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video
camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a
personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

20 78. A luminescent device comprising:
an organic luminescent element comprising:
an anode;
a cathode; and
an organic compound layer provided between the anode and the cathode,
25 comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an
electron transporting region comprising an electron transporting material;
wherein a mixed region is provided between the hole transporting region and the
electron transporting region, comprising the hole transporting material and the electron
transporting material,
30 wherein a luminescent region added a luminescent material is provided in the
mixed region.

79. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein the mixed region
comprises the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material at a

constant ratio.

80. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein the luminescent region is a part of the mixed region.

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81. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein a blocking material is doped in a portion of the mixed region, in which an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit is large as compared with energy differences in the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material.

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82. A luminescent device according to claim 81, wherein the luminescent region is disposed nearer to the anode than the portion added the blocking material.

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83. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

84. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein the ratio of a mass of the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.

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85. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein the mixed region has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

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86. A luminescent device according to claim 78, wherein the luminescent device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

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87. A luminescent device comprising:

an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode;

a hole injecting region adjacent to the anode; and

an organic compound layer provided between the hole injecting region and the cathode, comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an electron transporting region comprising an electron transporting material;

wherein a mixed region is provided between the hole transporting region and the
5 electron transporting region, comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material, and

wherein a luminescent region added a luminescent material is provided in the mixed region.

10 88. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein the mixed region comprises the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material at a constant ratio.

89. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein the luminescent region
15 is a part of the mixed region.

90. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein a blocking material is doped in a portion of the mixed region, in which an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit is large as compared
20 with energy differences in the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material.

91. A luminescent device according to claim 90, wherein the luminescent region is disposed nearer to the anode than the portion added the blocking material.
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92. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

93. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein the ratio of a mass of
30 the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.

94. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein the mixed region has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

95. A luminescent device according to claim 87, wherein the luminescent device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a
5 personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

96. A luminescent device comprising:
an organic luminescent element comprising:
an anode;
10 a cathode;
an electron injecting region adjacent to the cathode; and
an organic compound layer provided between the electron injecting region and the cathode, comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an electron transporting region comprising an electron
15 transporting material;
wherein a mixed region is provided between the hole transporting region and the electron transporting region, comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material, and
wherein a luminescent region added a luminescent material is provided in the
20 mixed region.

97. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein the mixed region comprises the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material at a constant ratio.

25 98. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein the luminescent region is a part of the mixed region.

99. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein a blocking material is
30 doped in a portion of the mixed region, in which an energy difference between a highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit is large as compared with energy differences in the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material.

100. A luminescent device according to claim 99, wherein the luminescent region is disposed nearer to the anode than the portion added the blocking material.

101. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein the luminescent
5 material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

102. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein the ratio of a mass of the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.
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103. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein the mixed region has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

104. A luminescent device according to claim 96, wherein the luminescent
15 device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

105. A luminescent device comprising:
20 an organic luminescent element comprising:

an anode;

a cathode;

a hole injecting region adjacent to the anode;

an electron injecting region adjacent to the cathode; and

25 an organic compound layer provided between the electron injecting region and the hole injecting region, comprising a hole transporting region comprising a hole transporting material and an electron transporting region comprising an electron transporting material;

wherein a mixed region is provided between the hole transporting region and the
30 electron transporting region, comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material, and

wherein a luminescent region added a luminescent material is provided in the mixed region.

106. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein the mixed region comprises the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material at a constant ratio.

5 107. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein the luminescent region is a part of the mixed region.

108. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein a blocking material is doped in a portion of the mixed region, in which an energy difference between a
10 highest occupied molecular orbit and a lowest unoccupied molecular orbit is large as compared with energy differences in the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material.

109. A luminescent device according to claim 108, wherein the luminescent
15 region is disposed nearer to the anode than the portion added the blocking material.

110. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein the luminescent material presents luminance caused from a triplet excited state.

20 111. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein the ratio of a mass of the hole transporting material to the total mass of the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material in the mixed region is 10 % or more and 90 % or less.

112. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein the mixed region has
25 a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less.

113. A luminescent device according to claim 105, wherein the luminescent device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer,
30 a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

114. A luminescent device comprising:
an organic luminescent element comprising:
an anode;

a cathode;

a first mixed region adjacent to the anode, comprising a hole injecting material and a hole transporting material;

a second mixed region adjacent to the cathode, comprising an electron
5 injecting material and an electron transporting material; and

a third mixed region provided between the first mixed region and the second mixed region, comprising the hole transporting material and the electron transporting material.

10 115. A luminescent device according to claim 114, wherein there is a concentration gradient in the first mixed region that a concentration of the hole transporting material is decreased toward the third region from the anode and a concentration of the hole injecting material is increased toward the third region from the anode.

15 116. A luminescent device according to claim 114, wherein there is a concentration gradient in the second region that a concentration of the electron transporting material is increased toward the third region from the cathode and a concentration of the electron injecting material is decreased toward the third region from
20 the cathode.

117. A luminescent device according to claim 114, wherein there is a concentration gradient in the third region that a concentration of the electron transporting material is decreased toward the first region from the second region and a concentration
25 of the hole transporting material is increased toward the first region from the second region.

118. A luminescent device according to claim 114, wherein a luminescent material is doped in a portion of the third region.

30 119. A luminescent device according to claim 118, wherein the luminescent material is a triplet luminescent diode.

120. A luminescent device according to claim 118, wherein the luminescent

device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio.

- 5 121. A luminescent device comprising:
an organic luminescent element comprising:
an anode;
a cathode;
a first mixed region contiguous to the anode, comprising a hole
10 injecting material and a hole transporting material;
a second mixed region contiguous to the first region, comprising the
hole transporting material and a host material;
a third mixed region contiguous to the second mixed region, comprising
the host material and a blocking material; and
15 a fourth mixed region provided between the third mixed region and the
cathode, comprising the blocking material and an electron injecting material.

122. A luminescent device according to claim 121, wherein there is a
concentration gradient in the first region that a concentration of the hole injecting
20 material is decreased toward the second region from the anode and a concentration of the
hole transporting material is increased toward the second region from the anode.

123. A luminescent device according to claim 121, wherein there is a
concentration gradient in the second region that a concentration of the hole transporting
25 material is decreased toward the third region from the first region and a concentration of
the host material is increased toward the third region from the first region.

124. A luminescent device according to claim 121, wherein there is a
concentration gradient in the third region that a concentration of the host material is
30 decreased toward the fourth region from the second region and a concentration of the
blocking material is increased toward the fourth region from the second region.

125. A luminescent device according to claim 121, wherein there is a
concentration gradient in the fourth region that a concentration of the blocking material is

decreased toward the cathode from the third region and a concentration of the electron injecting material is increased toward the cathode from the third region.

126. A luminescent device according to claim 121, wherein a luminescent
5 material is doped in a portion of both second region and third region.

127. A luminescent device according to claim 126, wherein the luminescent material is a triplet luminescent diode.

10 128. A luminescent device according to claim 121, wherein the blocking material is an electron transporting material.